

## SALT DEPOSITS IN LOUISIANA.

There Are Five Big Ones  
on So-Called Islands  
in the Marshes.

MINING IS VERY EASY.

Large Producing Plants Being  
Erected by Northwest-  
ern Capitalists.

Five deposits of rock salt have been found in Louisiana. These are on Jefferson Island, Petite Anse, Grande Cote, Cote Blanche and Belle Isle. The total extent of the islands is about seven thousand acres. They are called islands because they rise from eighty to 200 feet above the surrounding marshes, which are nearly at tide level.

Salt is reached from ninety to 15 feet below the surface. According to the Engineering and Mining Journal, this group of deposits is connected at an unknown depth with a continuous stratum of salt which may extend as far as Saline, in the southwestern part of Texas, where brine is pumped and worked by a process of evaporation.

The mines in these islands are operated by what is called the chamber and pillar system. The salt is excavated by undercutting.

When the shaft has reached a depth of 250 feet or more below the apex of the deposit, stations are opened, and an undercut seven feet high, with a face of seventy feet is commenced. When this has advanced 200 or 300 feet, the roof is blasted down to the height of twenty feet.

After the removal of the salt there remains a chamber seventy-five feet wide, 200 feet long, and twenty feet high, in which the roof is again broken down to the height of seventy feet in the centre and sixty feet at the pillars on either side, leaving a natural arch of rock salt, which has proved capable of resisting an overlying weight as well as preventing the leakage of surface waters.

The first undercut of salt is well sheltered by blasting, and goes to the mill to be ground into the first and second roof blittings furnish pieces of solid rock which are set aside under sheds to be treated. All the inner stuff is "crust." As by reason of the uniform purity of the salt, no sorting or purification is required. Every pound of salt mined is a pound sold.

In a properly conducted mine two chambers are always worked simultaneously, as one undercut alone will not supply the consumer's demand.

The crushed salt is used principally by beef and pork packers. The next two sizes are largely utilized in salting hides and in refrigerating. There are four grades of still higher fineness. The principal one is table salt.

Two companies are erecting plants for the mining and marketing of salt. One of these, backed by Northwestern capitalists, has its plant already well advanced.

## MEXICAN "YANKEES" HERE ON BUSINESS.

They Comprise the Govern-  
or of Yucatan and  
His Staff.

CONTRACTS TO LET.

Railroads, a Theatre, and the  
Draining and Paving of the  
Capital Planned.

The Governor of Yucatan, General Francisco Canton, and his staff are in this city, and will be here for a week or more. Their headquarters are at the Cheloes. These men are the wealthiest and most progressive in their country. They are here to make contracts for various large enterprises ranging from the building of a \$300,000 theatre to the paving and draining

of Merida, the capital of Yucatan, a contract in itself involving two and a half million dollars. Besides the Governor, the men in the party are his brother, Lieutenant Rodolfo G. Canton, president of the Bank of Yucatan, of the Peto Railroad and of the Yucatan de Sinal Company; Dr. Joaquin Patrona Espadas, president of the Board of Health of Merida, who is here to study the American system of drainage; Signor Jose Gabriel Escalante, a millionaire merchant; Francisco Canton Rosaro, Alfredo G. Canton, M. Gomez Bujarro and Emilio B. and Charles Scherlen.

Rodolfo Canton is president of the South Eastern Railroad of Yucatan. He will make all the contracts here to build and equip the road. General Francisco Canton has already contracted for most of the material for the Eastern Railroad of Yucatan, of which he is the principal owner.

Rodolfo Canton has with him his plans for the new theatre which is shortly to be built at Merida. This building is to hold 1,500 people, and to cost in the neighborhood of \$800,000. There are also contracts for piers and storage warehouses at Progreso to be let. Business in Yucatan was never better. The people of that country are so enterprising that they are called the Yankees of the Mexican Republic.

Public companies have made tenders for the paving and draining of Merida—one English, one French and two American. As the conditions are now, the Americans stand to win because they are American even if there were no other reasons. But there are other reasons. Governor Canton is thoroughly American. He is said to be the most popular and enterprising Executive that Yucatan has ever had.

There is every indication that this year will witness a large importation of American made goods and ma-

chinery into Mexico. The Americans in the Republic are working to that end. "President Diaz," the Governor said, "desires to lend every possible assistance to Americans and American industries that wish to visit, locate in or do business with Mexico. For several years the lack of anything like adequate railroad facilities has militated against any extensive buying from the United States. This has now been greatly improved and the future promises much more."

**FREE LECTURE COURSE  
WILL BEGIN TO-MORROW.**

Among the Subjects Are "Great Novelists" and "Cuba, Havana and Santiago."

The course of free lectures to the people under the auspices of the Board of Education will begin to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The first course will be given at Public School No. 10, One Hundred and Seventeenth street and St. Nicholas avenue, by Dr. William Bayard Hale, whose subject will be "Sir Walter Scott," the first of a course of five lectures on "Great Novelists." On Thursday night at the same place Walter P. Terry will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Cuba, Havana and Santiago."

On Tuesday, at Public School No. 30, No. 224 East Eighty-eighth street, Mr. G. F. Greene will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Manhattan Island and the Highlands." Among the other lectures to be given will be a course, illustrated, on "The Cities of Italy and Their Gift to Civilization," by Professor E. H. Griggs, at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, in Harlem.

## RETAIL PRICE OF SHOES TO GO UP.

Local Manufacturers Or-  
ganize to Make the  
Advance.

SAY HIDES ARE SCARCE.

Cost of Labor Also May In-  
crease Complicating the  
Situation.

Fathers of large families will be interested to know that the prices of shoes are likely to go up in the near future.

To the end of closer organization a score of shoe manufacturers in New York and its vicinity met last week in the Cosmopolitan Hotel and formed an organization. In the absence of Zenas Waterbury, secretary of the committee which issued the

call for the meeting, Patrick Gleason presided. George W. Baker was chosen secretary.

Mr. Gleason said no discussion of the conditions was necessary, as they were well understood. The increase in the price of material without any corresponding advance in the price of the manufactured article, he said, placed their only hope in organization.

F. W. Norcross, proprietor of a publication in the interests of the trade, said there was a marked scarcity of goatskin, calfskin and hides everywhere; that the price of iron had doubled, making nails dearer than ever, while the prices of shoes had gone down to a point that gave no chance to the manufacturer.

Mr. Norcross said the business should be a paying one, as the population of the country is increasing at the rate of two millions a year.

Other speakers expressed similar views, and then a vote was taken forming the organization mentioned with an initiation fee of \$5, which will cover a year's dues.

**TRADESMEN'S FREE  
LIBRARY TO REOPEN.**

The free library of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen is to be reopened to-morrow in the new Mechanics Institute, 18 to 24 West Forty-fourth street.

The hours will be from 8 in the morning until 6 for the present. Electric lights will soon illumine the rooms. Then the hour of their closing is to be extended into the evening.

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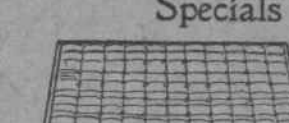
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